

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2021

Council Members Present: President, Jay Nelson; Vice President, Mike Krischler; Secretary, Judy Brodzeller; Treasurer, Arlin Bates; Financial Secretary, Duane Neal; Board of Elders, Tom Mertins; Board of Missions, Marilyn Engelken; Board of Trustees, Rollie Mann; Member-at-large, Tom Leshney; Pastors Phill Robbins and Gary Smith

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice President Mike Krischler.

Pastor Phill provided the opening prayer

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

The minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting were approved as distributed.

TERASURER'S REPORT

Arlin Bates reviewed the preliminary financial statement for December. We have \$135,000 over budget and expenses for 2020 and there may be a little more when the books are finalized.

There was discussion of how to allocate the "overage" funds. Arlin suggested the following allocation: Reserve for Replacement = \$50,000.00; Organ Replacement = \$15,000.00; Endowment = \$50,000.00 plus whatever is left after the books close and Pastoral Search Fund = \$20,000.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to allocate the funds as stated above.

Motion carried.

Arlin stated that we have two separate mission accounts and asked that they be combined.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to combine the mission accounts. **Motion carried.**

Arlin stated that Ablaze has disbanded and there is an account for that group containing \$1213.57. He would like to close the account and put the money in the organ replacement account.

Motion: A motion was made seconded to close the “Ablaze” account and put the money in the Organ Replacement Account **Motion carried.**

Arlin also stated that there is \$103,000.00 in an “Estate Settlement Account” from members who did not designate a particular use for their donation. We need to think about what to do with this account and will discuss the issue at a future meeting.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Covid: Pastor Phill feels we are following the current protocol for COVID-10 and proceeding safely. We will continue to do what we are doing. Masks will be required even for those who have been recently vaccinated.

Mid-Week Lenten Services: We will hold mid-week Lenten services with Pastor Gary preaching. There will be two services on Ash Wednesday and we will continue three weekend services until the end of April.

Delay of Synodical Convention: Each of the 35 district parishes must hold their convention one year prior to the Synodical Convention. To delay the district convention 25% of perishes must vote with the majority carrying.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to delay the Synodical Convention due to COVID-19. **Motion carried.**

BOARD REPORTS

TRUSTEES: Rollie reported that we have had some problems with parking lot lights burning out. We can repair them for about \$30.00 or put in LED lights for \$420.00 which take less electricity, last longer and would be cheaper in the long run.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to convert all parking lot lights to LED’s. **Motion carried.**

There was discussion about the recent robbery and increasing our security system (the cost of replacement items exceeds our deductible). It is felt that this was a random act so it was decided to leave the security as is for now.

ELDERS: Tom Mertins reported that he has been elected chair, Ron Mara is vice chair Chris Beck is secretary.

MISSION: Marilyn Englelken introduced herself. The mission board has a budget and a plan for spending. They will release some checks the end of March. The board is down to four members and they could use additional members. The board will hold meetings only as needed for business rather than once/month so the commitment would not be overwhelming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The position of an at-large member, serving for two years, on the council was approved at the October meeting. Pastor Phill feels that this position should have voting privileges and there should be a set number of at large members. It was suggested that we have one at-large-member with voting rights.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded have one “at-large member on the council with voting rights. **Motion carried.**

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve Tom Leshney as the council member “at large” for a two-year term. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Secretary Duane Neal brought up a possible security issue on money that is put into the plates at the doors to the sanctuary. The counters have been picking up the plates when service begins and at the end of the service. This requires a counter to be present at each service, the trustee to be present and the safe opened twice at each service. After some discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to pick up the collection plates only at the end of the service. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion occurred regarding the possibility of moving the council meetings to zoom. It was decided to meet face-to face unless there is a significant increase of our members contracting COVID-19.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME

The next meeting will be February 16 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Judith Brodzeller

Recording Secretary